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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 21, 2003**

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 21, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/UNEL/0002/SB, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

There are no amendments to the specification, claims or drawings submitted herewith. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.